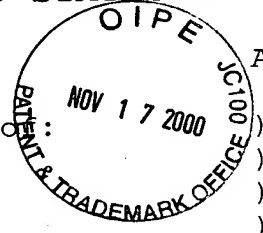


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUPPLEMENTING REPLY TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to any action on the merits and supplementing
applicant's reply to the restriction requirement filed October
25, 2000, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 1-9 and 14-17 (all the claims in the
IPER except claims 10-13) and insert in their place the
following new claims.

--18. A filter material comprising a sheet-like
matrix in which is incorporated a material comprising a base

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